(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many unserviceable buses have been discarded by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 upto 31st July, 1986; and

(d) what is the procedure being adopted by the Delhi Transport Corporation to dispose of the discarded buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). The discarded buses of D.T.C. are disposed off by Tender-cum-Auction. At present this work is entrusted to Metal Scrap Trading Corporation Ltd., a Government of India enterprise, by an agreement entered into by D.T.C. in October, 1985. According to the procedure followed, M.S.T.C. invites tenders in advance and then holds open auction. The discarded buses are then disposed off against the highest offer received in either, the number of unserviceable buses discarded by D.T.C. during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto 31st July, 1986) has been 839,26 and 77* (*includes 4 mini buses and 3 matadors) respectively.

News item 'Saris in the air'

2100. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in "The Statesman" of 30th July, 1986 under the caption "Saris in the air Airlines taken for a ride"; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction to the main allegation made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report received from Indian Airlines on the subject is under examination.

Nonfunctioning of Radar at Dum-Dum Aidport

2101. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Radar at Dum-Dum airport went out of order on the 18th June, 1986;

(b) if so, for how long the instrument remained out of order; and

(c) what was its effect on the flights from the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) About 18 hours.

(c) There was no effect on the flights.

Serving of meals to passengers on Delhi-Moscow route

2102. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Boeing 707 operating on Delhi-Moscow route, Air India do not serve vegetarian meals to the passengers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. Air India serves both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals on all flights operating on the Delhi-Moscow sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional facilities in Vijaywada Division

2103. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Guntur

regarding provision of additional facilities by South Central Railway in Vijayawada Division;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The representation has been received by the South Central Railways on 7-8-86.

(b) Representation includes demands for Dieselisation of 225/226 Amravati Express, improvements to goods shed at Reddipalem, re-modelling of Guntur station, circular train between Vijayawada, Guntur and Tenali, diversion of Krishna Express, conversion of Guntur Macherla section from MG to BG, provision of halt station at Pattabi Puram, provision of City Booking Office at Arundelpet, improvements to approach road and road over-bridge at level crossing gate at Guntur, widening of level crossing gate, provision of day time passenger trains on Guntur-Hubli section etc.

(c) The points raised in the representation will be examined and a reply will be given to the Chamber.

Railway facilities at Guntur

2104. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any memorandum from the Zonal Railway Users, Consultative Committee, South Central Railway regarding provision of more railway facilities at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following suggestions have been made in the Memorandum for inclusion in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee for South Central Railway:

(i) Enhancement of Reservation quotas at Gunter Station.

(ii) Additional train facilities for Guntur.

(iii) Proper upkeep of stations, improvement in Catering services and maintenance of coaches.

(c) Suitable action will be taken after careful consideration of these suggestions.

Constructon of building for CGHS dispensaries

2105. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries in Delhi which are functioning in their own buildings and also those housed in residential quarters; and

(b) what is the programme of Government with regard to the construction of buildings to house CGHS dispensaries in various parts of the capital to provide better facilities to the beneficiaries and sufficient accommodation to the doctors to examine patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A statement is annexed. (See below)

(b) The concerned authorities have been requested to allot land for construction of buildings for housing CGHS dispensaries.